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## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE

## IN RE: DAVID BRENT WHELAN, BPR #032494

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee (Rutherford County)

 $No.\ M2020-01230-SC-BAR-BP$ 

BOPR No. 2020-3123-4-AW-12.3

## ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

This matter is before the Court on a Petition of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, by and through Disciplinary Counsel, for the temporary suspension of David Brent Whelan from the practice of law, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3. The Petition has been authorized by the Chair of the Board of Professional Responsibility and is supported by the Affidavit of Steven J. Christopher, Disciplinary Counsel.

Based upon the Petition and the supporting Affidavit, the Court finds that David Brent Whelan, Respondent, failed to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility concerning a complaint of misconduct and poses a risk of substantial harm to the public.

IT IS THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

- 1. David Brent Whelan is hereby temporarily suspended from the practice of law as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
- 2. David Brent Whelan shall comply with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9 in all respects and particularly as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28, regarding the responsibilities of suspended attorneys.
- 3. David Brent Whelan may make application for dissolution or modification of this Order as provided in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3.
- 4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension of David Brent Whelan to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

5. The Board of Professional Responsibility has filed a motion to place under seal the attachments to Exhibit 1 of its petition for temporary suspension. Upon review, the Court hereby grants the motion. Therefore, Attachments A through H to Exhibit 1 shall be placed under seal in the office of the Appellate Court Clerk.

PER CURIAM